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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: TRAVEL OF U.S. PROFESSORS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS IN PAST PAID FOR TRAVEL TO US AND RETURN TO ROMANIA IN SUMMER FOR U.S. PROFESSORS WHO REMAINED SECOND YEAR. THIS CONTRARY TO BFS POLICY BUT WAS ALLOWED AS EXTRA BENEFIT DURING EARLY "PIONEERING" DAYS OF PROGRAM IN VIEW OF RELATIVE ISOLATION OF ROMANIA. THIS SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED, IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, THUS BELIEVE NO LONGER CAN JUSTIFY BETWEEN-TOURS TRIP FOR PROFESSORS. IN THE EVENT ANY PROFESSORS CURRENTLY IN ROMANIA PLANNING ON REMAINING FOR SECOND YEAR, REQUEST POST BRING THIS CHANGE OF POLICY TO THEIR ATTENTION TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING.

2. PROBLEMS OF REIMBURSEMENT HAVE ARISEN IN PAST IN CASES WHERE US PROFESSORS RETURNED TO US VIA OTHER THAN US CARRIERS OR TRAVELED PARTLY BY SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. TO AVOID THIS IN FUTURE, REQUEST POST REMIND RETURNING PROFESSORS OF USG TRAVEL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THEIR CASE, I.E., THAT TRAVEL BE BY ECONOMY CLASS, MOST DIRECT ROUTE, AND, THAT TRANS-ATLANTIC PORTION MUST BE VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES. TRAVELERS WHO WISH TO DEVIATE FROM THESE REGULATIONS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO CLEAR THEIR PROPOSED ITINERARY WITH CU/EE BEFORE COMMENCING TRAVEL AS UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHERWISE DEPARTMENT MAY BE UNABLE REIMBURSE THEM FOR
PORTION OF TRAVEL NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRAVEL
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